GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3999
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
PRODUCTION OF HANDLOOM TEXTILES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;RAM SHAKAL;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the types and quantum of handloom textiles produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the welfare of the handloom workers;

(c) if so, the details of each scheme; and

(d) the financial assistance provided thereunder to each State during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The handloom industry being decentralised in nature, no State-wise or Item-wise data regarding production of cloth in this sector is not maintained. The quantum of handloom cloth produced in the country during last three years and current year is as follows:-

YEAR	TOTAL PRODUCTION (in million sq. mtrs.)
1997 - 1998	7604
1998 - 1999	6792
1999 - 2000	7352
2000 - 2001(up to Aug`2000)	3115

(b) Yes sir. Government of India is implementing the following Schemes for the welfare of Handloom weavers:

1. Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme.
2. Group Insurance Scheme.
3. Health Package Scheme.
4. Thrift Fund Scheme.
5. New Insurance Scheme.

(c) The details of each Scheme are at Annexure-I.

(d) The details of State-wise/Scheme-wise releases made under the welfare schemes for the years 1997 - 1998 to 1999 - 2000 and current year is at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE HANDLOOM WEAVERS

1. WORKSHED-CUM-HOUSING SCHEME:

The objective of the Scheme is to provide a dwelling unit and suitable work place to weavers to improve their living, productivity and earnings. For the IX Five Year Plan, the unit cost and Central assistance under the scheme has been raised as per details given below:-

(Amount in Rupees)

Component	Unit cost	Central assistance	Loan from hudco/fin institutions	Weavers contri-bution
Rural Work-shed	9,000	7,000	-	2,000
Urban Work-shed	14,000	10,000	-	4,000
Rural Work-shed-cum-House	35,000	18,000	14,000	3,000
Urban Workshed-cum-House	45,000	20,000	20,000	5,000

2. THRIFT FUND SCHEME:

Under the Scheme, the handloom weavers belonging to corporate and cooperative sectors are covered. The weavers contribute 8% of their wages and central and state governments contribute 4% each.

3. HEALTH PACKAGE SCHEME:

Under the Scheme, the main emphasis has been given on health problems related to the profession of handloom weaving. The main component of the Schemes are as under:-

Sl.No.	COMPONENT	AMOUNT
1.	Reimbursement of cost of testing of eyes.	Rs.40/- per weaver.
2.	Reimbursement of cost of spectacles.	Rs.150/- per weaver.
3.	Medical reimbursement	Rs.1,500/- per weaver per annum.
4.	Supply of drinking water	Rs.35,000/- per bore-well sanitary dug-well for every 50 weavers` households.
5.	Maternity benefit for women in her lifetime.	Rs.500/- per woman, per delivery twice
6.	Compensation for Sterilisation	Rs.100/- per head, once in the lifetime.
7	Infrastructure for Primary Health Centre.	Rs.1,00,000/- per Centre.

4. GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME:

The Scheme was introduced in the year 1992-93 in order to meet socio economic obligation of weavers towards his family and the uncertainty of his working capacity in old age.

Under the scheme, a weaver is provided an insurance coverage of Rs.10,000/- for an annual premium @Rs.120/-The premium is shared equally among the beneficiary the Central Government and the State Government.

5. NEW INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS:

In order to provide relief to the weavers on the 50th Year of Independence Government of India have introduced a New Insurance Package Scheme for Handloom Weavers from the IX th Plan period i.e. from 1997-98.The New Insurance Policy will cater to the needs of Handloom weavers specially the underprivileged and deprived sector of the community by providing Insurance cover @ 6 paise per day. The funding pattern is as under:-

By Central Contribution: Rs.60/-
By State Contribution: Rs.40/-
By Weavers Contribution: Rs.20/-

The details of the policy in brief provide the following coverage to Handloom weavers.

SECTION NO.1

A) DWELLING: Rs.10,000/-

(Fire, lighting, explosion of boiler of gas used for domestic purpose only, riot and strike, Malicious damage, Aircraft damage, flood, inundation, Cyclone, Storm, Tempest, Typhoon, Tornado, Hurricane).

B) Contents of the dwelling,
looms, yarn, raw material (Same as above) Rs.10,000/-
pertaining to the trade.

SECTION NO.II

JANATA PERSONAL ACCIDENT:

i) Death only (100%) Rs.1,00,000/-
ii) Loss of use of two limbs or two eyes
or one limb and one eye (100%) Rs.1,00,000/-
iii) Loss of use of one limb or one eye (50%) Rs. 50,000/-
iv) Permanent total disablement from
injuries other than named above Rs.1,00,000/-
(PTD.....100%)

SECTION NO.III

A) HOSPITALISATION:

Hospitalisation including reimbursement
of expenses incurred upto specified limits Rs.2,000/-
per treatment towards injury, disease,
illness or sickness.

B) EYE TESTING:

Cost of spectacles and Testing of eyes upto
Rs.150/-+Rs.40/-(once in three years) Rs.190/-

B) MATERNITY BENEFITS

(Upto 2 living children)

Reimbursement subject to limit Rs.750/-

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE/SCHEME-WISE DETAILS OF RELEASES MADE UNDER WELFARE SCHEMES
DURING 1997-1998 TO 1999-2000 & CURRENT YEAR

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No. Name of the State	Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme				Group Insurance Scheme				Health Package Scheme				Thrift Fund Scheme				New Insurance Scheme			
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+
1. Arunachal Pradesh	50.31	-	72.08	-	-	-	-	50.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Andhra Pradesh	146.54	280.39	340.20	25.22	-	16.80	16.00	-	-	52.75	86.99	-	135.00	34.38	41.04	-	32.98	12.28	15.19	-
3. Assam	39.59	38.78	59.18	-	-	1.50	1.50	-	-	32.00	24.40	-	-	-	-	0.25	-			
4. Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.34	3.59	0.36				
5. Gujarat	-	-	-	-	-	0.97	0.95	2.60	-	-	-	3.78	8.00	-	-	2.79	2.63	2.73		
6. Haryana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
7 Himachal Pradesh	-	22.93	22.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
8. Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.79	-	-	-				
9. Karnataka	53.70	116.47	-	57.07	-	-	20.00	-	28.50	-	22.00	-	10.00	-	29.00	30.00	-	-	-	
10. Kerala	-	90.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.65	6.43	37.22	-	2.49	-	3.00	-	-	-		
11. Madhya Pradesh	200.00	-	-	-	2.92	0.50	-	0.63	16.60	-	-	-	7.10	13.57	2.96	1.03	-	2.55	1.83	0.67
12. Maharashtra	28.39	124.04	0.95	-	-	-	-	-	10.50	6.21	-	-	-	25.83	4.78	-	-	-		
13. Manipur	-	66.00	127.50	-	-	-	-	-	12.88	-	12.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
14. Mizoram	-	13.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15. Nagaland	352.25	44.00	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	19.46	19.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
16. Orissa	90.36	88.54	180.00	45.00	-	-	-	33.00	-	-	-	30.00	54.00	-	-	18.00	-	18.00		
17. Pondicherry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
18. Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

19. Rajasthan 120.50 - 92.24 - - - - - - 5.00 - - - 1.00 - - 1.68 1.36 2.56
20. Tamil Nadu 110.06 248.72 199.92 114.13 33.69 37.44 36.67 - 110.16 71.96 83.07 31.99 180.00 244.34 241.15 - - 0.36 - -
21. Tripura 14.05 - - - - - - - 10.58 40.41 - 29.83 0.23 - - 0.29 - - 0.14 0.60
22. Uttar Pradesh - 20.00 - - - - - - - 50.00 - - 1.14 - - - 0.29 - - -
23. West Bengal 96.25 - - 180.00 3.00 2.63 2.77 2.47 - - 5.00 7.35 27.00 - - - - - - -
24. Delhi -
25. Meghalaya - 5.53 - - - - - - - 3.03 1.96 - - - - - - - - -
26. Sikkim - 100.00 - - - - - - 18.80 - 18.80 2.50 - - - - - - - -

TOTAL 1302.00 1259.00 1245.00 421.42 39.61 58.87 77.91 4.05 281.09 332.35 273.11 121.76 390.47 352.56 348.98 36.89 36.27 40.00 24.99 24.92

+ As on 12.12.2000.